

SENATE BILL 3331
By Kilby

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
16-15-501, relative to the jurisdiction of certain
courts of general sessions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-501, is amended by deleting subsection (d)(2)(B) and substituting instead the following:

(B) In any county having a population of not less than eighteen thousand two hundred (18,200) nor more than eighteen thousand five hundred (18,500), or not less than sixty-eight thousand one hundred (68,100) nor more than sixty-eight thousand four hundred (68,400) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, the jurisdiction of courts of general sessions, where they have been created, shall extend to the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in all civil cases, both law and equity; provided, that this subdivision (d)(2)(B) shall not apply to cases of forcible entry and detainer, wherein the court shall have unlimited original jurisdiction; and provided further, that this subdivision (d)(2)(B) shall not apply to actions to recover personal property wherein the court shall have original unlimited jurisdiction, including jurisdiction to award an alternative money judgment; and general sessions judges shall have jurisdiction to issue restraining orders and to enforce the penalty provisions for violation of such restraining orders.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.